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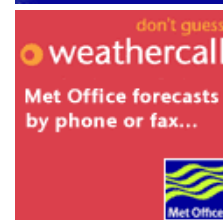
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Met Office makes more forecasts free to pilots

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UK aviation weather forecasts are being made available free of charge to pilots as part of The Met. Office's ongoing commitment to flight safety.

From 23 October, F214 and F215 forecasts are available at no charge from the aviation pages of The Met. Office's web site: <http://www.met-office.gov.uk/aviation>

Both forecasts are fundamental for primary safety information. F214s are spot- wind charts, which show predicted wind speed and direction at various altitudes at locations around the British Isles. By using these, pilots can plan fuel requirements more efficiently.

F215 forecasts are significant weather charts, providing information about weather on route, including turbulence, thunderstorms and icing, ensuring that pilots can plan a safe route and a diversion if necessary.

The decision to make F214 and F215 forecasts free for pilots follows the popular move earlier this year to allow free access to TAFs and METARs on The Met. Office website.

The move to free forecasts is due to the reduction in cost of delivery which the internet provides and is being hailed by general aviation representatives as a major step forward for air safety in the UK.

Doug Johnson, Manager of National Aviation Services at The Met. Office, said, "Following the provision of free TAFs and METARs for pilots earlier on this year, The Met. Office has been committed to increasing the range of free forecasts. By providing even more vital flight information free of charge, The Met. Office is promoting safer flying, while making pre-flight briefing for a pilot as convenient as possible."

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